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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR LAISE

1. WE ARE DEPARTING TODAY (APRIL 7) AT 20:25, ARRIVING IN HONG KONG AT 0800 APRIL 9, WHERE UE WILL BE GUESTS OF GOVERNOR GENERAL UNTIL APRIL 11. DEPARTURE FOR SAIGON IS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND DEPARTURE FOR KATHMANDU APRIL 12 REMAINS FIRM. I PLAN TO ATTEND ARMY' S NEW YEAR FUNCTION AND, IF MY ARRIVAL TIME PERMITS, ANY CELEBRATION FIELD MARSHALL SURENDRA HOLDS ON OCCASION OF RECEIVING BATON.

2. REGARDING UPCOMING VIP VISIT, YOUR COUNTRY SUMMARY WAS FINE. I WANT BOB LAMB PRESENT IN KATHMANDU FOR ENTIRE PERIOD, EVEN IF MEANS A CHANGE IN HIS TDY SCHEDULE FOR BANGKOK OR ORDERING HIM BACK. YOUR ADVICE HAS BEEN THAT PARTY WILL NOT NEED BLACK TIE. I THINK THIS SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT, AS DINNERS AT SINGHA DURBAR ARE USUALLY " FORMAL." RON LORTON SHOULD WARN MY INDIA HOUSE GUESTS ON ARRIVAL THAT I WILL BE ENTERTAINING OFFICIAL GUESTS APRIL 18-20 AND IT MIGHT BE WISER FOR THEM TO PLAN THEIR POKHARA TRIP THEN. ALTERNATELY, THEY COULD MOVE TO AID GUEST HOUSE AS MY GUESTS.

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3. I SHALL BE DELIGHTED TO HOST SUGGESTED DINNER FOR PROFESSOR DEUTSCH ON APRIL 20. YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH CHIRAN THAPA AS TO GROUND RULES THAT SHOULD OBTAIN. I ASSUME IT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO NEPALESE AND AMERICANS, BUT I WONDER IF WE MIGHT GO BEYOND THE ROYAL FAMILY ON THE NEPALESE SIDE. IF SO, I WOULD SUGGEST KHANALS, HARKA GURUNGS, PASHUPATI RANAS, CHIRAN THAPAS, AND POSSIBLY UPRAITYS, IN ADDITION TO ROYAL PARTY. ON OUR SIDE I SHOULD THINK WE MIGHT INCLUDE YOU, AND JANE, IDES, DOVES, TATUS, AN APPROPRIATE FULBRIGHT COUPLE (NOT RPT NOT SLOAN OR HIGH) AND ANY MEMBERS OF VISITING DELEGATION WE MIGHT PERSUADE TO STAY BEHIND FOR OCCASION (E. G. LAINGEN). CEILING I ENVISAGE WOULD BE 24 PEOPLE. I THINK YOU MIGHT GO AHEAD WITH INVITATIONS AND SIMPLY SAY GUEST LIST WILL BE COMMUNICATED SEPARATELY. ROGERS

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